



City Council Meeting Agenda

5:30 p.m.
September 10, 2009
300 West Cotton Street
Jo Ann Metcalf Municipal Building
City Hall Council Chamber

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Invocation**
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Citizen Comment**
- V. **Discussion Items**
 - A. Review and discuss proposed changes to the landscape requirements of the Zoning Ordinance – Kevin Cummings, Director of Development Services.
 - B. Discussion of the proposed 2009-10 budget for the City of Longview – David Willard, City Manager.
- VI. **Budget Public Hearing/Action Items**
 - A. **Budget Public Hearing.** A public hearing will be held to consider the proposed FY 2009–2010 Budget – Jill Laffitte, Budget Administrator. **This item requires a public hearing.**
 - B. Consider an Ordinance adopting the Fiscal Year 2009–2010 Annual Operating Budget and appropriating said funds – Jill Laffitte, Budget Administrator.
 - C. **Preliminary Tax Rate Public Hearing.** The City Council will vote on the tax rate on Thursday, September 17, 2009, at 5:30 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers at 300 W. Cotton Street, Longview, Texas – Jill Laffitte, Budget Administrator. **This item requires a public hearing.**

- D. Consider a motion to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the fiscal year 2009–2010 Budget – Jill Laffitte, Budget Administrator.
- E. Consider an Ordinance clarifying that certain city fees and charges will be set by resolution of the City Council – Jim Finley, City Attorney.
- F. Consider a Resolution establishing city fees and charges for the new fiscal year – Jill Laffitte, Budget Administrator.

VII. Consent Agenda

- A. Consider a Resolution awarding a contract in the amount of \$294,358.50 to AAA Sanitation, Inc. of Tyler, Texas, for the construction of the 2009 Water System Improvements Project – Keith Bonds, P.E., Director of Public Works.
- B. Consider a Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager, or the City Manager's designee to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Gregg County Health Department in an amount not to exceed \$15,500.00 for costs associated with the Litter Abatement Officer – Kevin Cummings, Director of Development Services.
- C. Consider a Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager, or the City Manager's designee to renew a contract in the amount of \$151,821.12 with the Humane Society of Northeast Texas for animal shelter services – Kevin Cummings, Director of Development Services.
- D. Consider a Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to enter into an annual requirements contract with Terra Removal Services, LLC of Russellville, Arkansas, in the amount of \$10.75 per cubic yard for removal and disposal of sewer sludge – Sid Foster, Purchasing Manager.
- E. Consider an Ordinance temporarily establishing a different regular meeting date of the Longview City Council for the October 22, 2009 Meeting – Jim Finley, City Attorney.
- F. Consider an Ordinance amending the existing gas franchise agreement between the City of Longview, Texas, and CenterPoint Energy Entex to provide an extension to the existing franchise agreement until June 30, 2010 – Jim Finley, City Attorney.
- G. Consider an Ordinance amending the existing gas franchise agreement between the City of Longview, Texas, and Enbridge Pipelines, LP, to

provide an extension to the existing franchise agreement until June 30, 2010 – Jim Finley, City Attorney.

- H. Consider an Ordinance amending the existing gas franchise agreement between the City of Longview, Texas, and Atmos Energy Corporation to provide an extension to the existing franchise agreement until June 30, 2010 – Jim Finley, City Attorney.
- I. Consider approval of the following minutes: July 9, 2009, July 23, 2009 and August 13, 2009 – Shelly Kissick, City Secretary.

VIII. Action Items

- A. Consider an Ordinance amending Section 92-29 of the Longview City Code to update requirements regarding signing approved plats, amended plats and replats – Michael Shirley, Interim City Planner. **This item requires a public hearing.**
- B. Consider an Ordinance amending Section 4.09 of the City of Longview Personnel Policies and Procedures regarding holidays – Karri Hyko, Director of Human Resources.

IX. Items of Community Interest

X. Executive Session Item

Deliberations regarding Real Property — Under Texas Government Code Section 551.072.

Consider, discuss, and deliberate the public necessity to acquire certain properties in the A-71 David Ferguson Survey, City of Longview, Gregg County, Texas.

City Council may reconvene in public session for action on the above item discussed in a closed meeting or executive session.

XI. Adjourn

Any final action, decision, or vote on a matter deliberated in a closed meeting will only be taken in an open meeting that is held in compliance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551. The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into a closed meeting or executive session as authorized by Tex. Gov't. Code, Sections 551.001, et seq. (the Texas Open Meetings Act) on any item on its open meeting agenda in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, including, without limitation Sections 551.071-551.088 of the Texas Open Meetings Act. In addition, the City Council may consider a vote to excuse the absence of any City Council Member for absence from this meeting or for absence from any previous City Council meeting.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aid or services are requested to contact the City Secretary's Office at 903.237.1080 at least two days before this meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Para ayuda en español, por favor llame al 903.237.1080.